

Ban Johnson Decides Not to Beard Commissioner Landis on the Question of Joint Meeting

American League Head Again Bats 1,000 for Inconsistency

Ban is Forced to Move Date of Meeting of His Circuit From Next Wednesday to Next Tuesday, in Violation of Organization's Constitution

By John Kieran

B. B. Johnson, president of the American League, continues to bat 1,000 points higher than Tyrus Raymond Cobb, to whom recently he awarded an extra base hit, boosting the season average to .401. Ban continues to hit his 1,000 year by year for inconsistency. Mr. Johnson yesterday afternoon in Excelsior Springs at the earnest solicitation of six of his American League colleagues, decided not to beard Commissioner Landis on the matter of a joint meeting of the two major leagues this celebrated jurist had called for New York next Thursday.

At the time Johnson issued the call for the American League meeting in Chicago for Wednesday and in opposition to the majority wish of his constituents it was suspected that the American League executive had forced an issue to test his strength against Landis. However, it was Johnson and not Landis that did the receding when the big showdown came. And in connection with which it is only fair to say that at least two club owners who supported Mr. Johnson in his fight against the combination of New York, Boston and Chicago in the Carl Mays war urged Colonel Ruppert and Huntington to try to talk sense into their erstwhile ally.

Commissioner Landis in a seven years' contract, entered into two years ago, was vested with autocratic powers over the high and the low of baseball. It is quite probable that he could have removed Johnson on charges unless the American League was prepared to declare its contract with Landis a mere "scrap of paper." Mr. Johnson was brought quickly to realize that his club owners meant to do no such thing. Hence his retreat on the issue that makes Napoleon's hasty exit from Moscow look like a marathon for members of the Old Soldiers' Home.

7 Major League Clubs To Train in Florida

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Florida will be the Mecca of the spring training camps of the major league baseball clubs for the season of 1923. Seven of the big league clubs have selected sites in that state.

The list of camps follows:
NATIONAL
New York—San Antonio, Tex.
Chicago—Catalina Island, Calif.
Philadelphia—Leesburg, Fla.
St. Louis—Brantford, Fla.
Cincinnati—Orlando, Fla.
Brooklyn—Eustis, Fla.
Pittsburgh—Hot Springs, Ark.
Boston—St. Petersburg, Fla.
AMERICAN
Chicago—Sebring, Tex.
New York—New Orleans.
Detroit—Augusta, Ga.
St. Louis—Mobile, Ala.
Cleveland—Lakeland, Fla.
Philadelphia—Montgomery, Ala.
Boston—Hot Springs, Ark.
Washington—Tampa, Fla.

American League Meeting Date Gets A Hurried Switch

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press).—Ban Johnson, president of the American League, in a telegram from Excelsior Springs, Mo., to The Associated Press to-night announced that the American League owners will hold their annual meeting in New York next Wednesday, December 13.

"American League meeting will be held in New York next Wednesday," the message said.
The American League meeting had been set for Wednesday, December 13, at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria in New York City. The meeting was called by Commissioner Landis.

The change in place will make it possible for the American League club owners to get through their business in time to attend the joint meeting in New York. Whether President Johnson will attend the joint meeting was not made known. How many of the American League owners will attend the joint meeting also is problematical.

Earlier in the day it had been announced that the American League meeting would be held in Chicago on December 12.

The gathering of American League owners had originally been set by President Johnson for December 13 in Chicago. Baseball Commissioner K. Landis, calling under the impression that both the American and National leagues would meet in New York, called a joint meeting of the leagues for December 14.

President Johnson declared that he could see no reason for a joint meeting and issued his meeting call for the 13th in Chicago. The call is said to have brought forth a protest from certain American League owners who expressed a desire to attend the joint session, and the switch to the 12th was made to allow those who desired to reach New York for the joint session.

Colgate Announces Its Track and Field Schedule

HAMILTON, N. Y., Dec. 8.—The Colgate University track team will meet opponents near the coming year in the Army and Hamilton, according to the 1923 schedule, made public to-day by Manager R. G. Spencer. For the first time in years, the annual meet with Syracuse University will be held at Hamilton.

The schedule follows:
April 27 and 28, Penn. relay, Class B, at Philadelphia, Pa.
May 1, Penn. relay, Class B, at Penn. Point, Pa.
May 15, Syracuse, at Hamilton, 15, Hamilton, at Syracuse, 27, 28, annual intercollegiate, at Cambridge, Mass.

Cavanaugh Refuses Big Salary
BOSTON, Dec. 8.—An offer to serve as football coach of the University of Alabama at a salary of \$10,000 has been refused by Frank W. Cavanaugh, Boston College gridiron mentor, it was learned to-day. He is under a term contract to Boston College.

Miss Ederle Wins in 100-Yard Free Style of Met. Title Swim

Miss Gertrude Ederle, sixteen-year-old aquatic marvel of the Women's Swimming Association of New York, shattered the American 100-yard free style record for a sixty-foot pool in winning the metropolitan A. A. U. championship at the distance in the natatorium of the City Athletic Club, last night.

Using the eight-beat crawl for the first time in competition, Miss Ederle scored a decisive victory in 1 minute 6 seconds, clipping one-fifth of a second from the listed standard, held jointly by Miss Ethelinda Bleibrey, of this city, and Miss Ruth Smith, of Columbia, Ohio.

Notwithstanding this brilliant feat, the title event was somewhat disappointing, for Miss Helen Wainwright, national 100-yard champion, who was counted upon to provide keen opposition for Miss Ederle, failed to start.
A stirring contest was witnessed, however, in the metropolitan championship at 100-yard breast stroke swimming, another feature of the meet. Miss Claire Jankov, of the New York W. S. A., the holder, was pressed closely all the way by her team-mate, Miss Jessie Chester, and she just managed to nose out the latter in 1 minute 37 seconds. Miss Grace Baer, of the same club, was a good third.

Miss Aileen Biggin, Olympic fancy diving champion, gave a remarkable exhibition in a handicap contest from the three-foot springboard. Two of the three judges gave her a perfect score, and she ran up the splendid actual total of 107.8 points in eight dives.
A 100-yard free-style handicap for juniors was featured by an exceptional performance on the part of little Kath-

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By BRIGGS

Yale Weekly Harsh In Criticism of the Football Situation

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 8.—Taking the football season into review, "The Yale Alumni Weekly" to-day says that it is the business of the football committee and coaches to look conditions squarely in the face and to find a remedy for what has produced "ten years of continued melancholy."

"The Weekly" says that probably if graduate opinion was obtained it would come down to something like this: "An easy and popular refuge in times of distress—as in Greece just now—to behead every defeated leader. A defeated coach must go—not because he is not the man for the place, but because he was beaten."

The "Weekly" gives as its own opinion that a study of Yale football, "a name to conjure with till 1919," discloses a lack of winning system. In the old system, it says, there was continuity with "tactical brains at the top."

John J. McGraw this winter is casting his dreams in the direction of a record that will set him on top of the baseball kingdom. This is the acquisition of three World Series championships in a row. Not even the old Cubs and the old Mackmen were able to carve out this destiny. The Cubs won in 1907 and 1908, but the White Sox stopped them in 1906.

The Mackmen won in 1910 and 1911, but the Red Sox interposed a barrier in 1912. The Mackmen won again in 1913, but there was a year's intermission. Now McGraw, with victories in 1921 and 1922, has a great chance to scramble ahead of any mark set in modern times. Only a great fight will pull him through, but the chance is there.

Stuyvesant High to Hold Games To-night

The eighteenth annual indoor meet of Stuyvesant High School will be held in the 100th Regiment Armory to-night. Interest in track activities is very keen among the 5,000 boys of the East Fiftieth Street school, the institution having won both the indoor and outdoor championships of the greater city last year.

Hussey, the 100-yard record holder, is still in the school, but his contenders as Figueroa, who is title holder in the 220 and the broad jump; Giershevski and Oberweyer, the city high and low hurdle champions, have been lost, which greatly weakens the team. In spite of losses, however, Head Coach Wilmar H. Bradshaw, Dr. W. L. Anderson and Albert E. Collins, his assistants, are working hard to turn out a team that will make a creditable showing.

Boldt Buys Johnson's Release

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 8.—James Boldt, president of the Seattle Pacific Coast League baseball club, has obtained the release of Doc Johnson, former first baseman for the Cleveland and Philadelphia Americans, he telegraphed from Louisville, where he is attending the convention of minor leagues. A Louisville report yesterday said that Johnson announced he was to manage a Pacific Coast League club.

The Wide Blue Margin

Yale in her present or momentary football depression might obtain a bit of serenity in considering the entire landscape from the beginning of play.

C. C. D. has worked out a complete Yale-Harvard-Princeton football table from 1875, showing the following percentage display for all games played among these three:

	No. games.	Won.	Lost.	Ties.	Pct.
Yale	87	47	25	15	.422
Princeton	71	27	34	10	.443
Harvard	66	23	35	8	.396

Yale, through a stretch of forty-seven years, has won almost as many games in the old guard sector as Harvard and Princeton combined.

Yale has won twenty-six and lost thirteen with Princeton and has won twenty-one and lost fifteen with Harvard. Princeton has evened up somewhat by winning fourteen games from Harvard, with eight defeats.

And as affairs are supposed to even up during a long interval, Fate may have decided that it was Yale's time to skid a trifle.

All of which may not be quite sufficient to cheer up the present Yale senior class, which must graduate without having a chance to see Yale beat Harvard in four extremely long years.

"How many men under twenty-five," requests F. D. H., "have won the amateur golf championship of the United States? Chandler Egan, Jerry Travers, Robert A. Gardner, Francis Ouimet, Dave Herron and Jesse Sweetser. Most of these won before they were twenty-two.

Golf may be an old man's game, but it is a tough thing to prove for those hardy veterans around thirty who tried to stop Gene Sarazen, twenty-one, and Jesse Sweetser, twenty, last summer.

Too Long a Shot

"If Winter Comes," a writer wrote, As if there might be doubt; And yet it hardly seems worth while To keep my golf clubs out.

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The Visitor

"I am Failure," he said to me, "Failure for all you've dreamed As you stumbled on to the far-off heights Where the great lights flared and gleamed."

"I am Failure, bitter and drab, The mate who has shared your tent; I am the fog on the path you've lost, Where most of your dreams are spent."

"The fact that I've known you well Is the chance of my life," I said; "The fact that I've met you face to face, And still work on, unafrail."

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Tennis and the Form Chart

Turf tennis is the one game that seems to run truest to form, the one competition where luck counts for only a trifle, where the breaks of the game are unimportant.

In golf not a single champion held his title, among both amateurs and pros.

Jake Schaefer in billiards gave way to Willie Hoppe. Football was a vast swirl of form upheavals.

But turf tennis closes out a year where champions held their own. Tilden again came through against the finest sort of competition.

Mrs. Mallory repeated in the women's championship on this side, just as Miss Lenglen repeated on the other side.

The title-holders marched straight through to success. There is no other game where the leader has the same chance to prove any slight margin he may hold above any one else.

Montreal Forms Boxing And Wrestling Board

MONTREAL, Dec. 8.—To urge recognition of a uniform control of professional boxing throughout Canada and the rulings of one governing body over other controlling bodies in the country the Dominion Boxing and Wrestling Federation has been organized.

P. J. Mulqueen, chairman of the Athletic Commission of Ontario, was elected president. It is probable that the new organization will immediately get into touch with the National Boxing Association of the United States with a view to affiliating with that body so that the rulings of one will be accepted by the other.

Metropolitan Boxers At Garden Next Week

The fight for the point trophy to be awarded by the Metropolitan Association A. A. U. at the New York State championships, to be held at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings next, will be very keen between the following clubs who have entered their best men:

St. Jerome's C. C., St. Lucy's C. C., Trinity Club, Association Parish House, Bronxville A. C., Pastime A. C., Glen-coe A. C. and Clark House A. C.

The St. Jerome's Catholic Club, which won the point trophy at the Metropolitan Association championships last March, seems to be the favorite.

Harvard Cuts Football Schedule to 8 Games

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 8.—The Harvard football schedule for next fall, cut to eight games, has been completed except for the opening contest.

It will include the following games: October 20, Holy Cross; 27, Dartmouth; November 10, Princeton; 17, Brown; 24, Yale. All but the Princeton game will be at Cambridge. Virginia and North Carolina, which were to have been added to take the November 1 date, are understood to have indicated they would be unable to accept.

Tip for "Babe" Ruth: In swinging upon trees with the axe, why not name them Shocker, Pillette, Rommel, Faber, Johnson and Coveleskie? There are times when such psychological turns fit well into preliminary training.

Still, all the world hasn't gone blole. This will be the first Christmas since 1914 the Athletics have spent out of the cellar.

W. Va. to Play Oregon On Coast Xmas Day

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 8.—The West Virginia University football team will play the University of Oregon at San Diego, Calif., on Christmas Day, negotiations for which have been pending for some weeks and which were definitely closed to-day.

It will be the first visit of the Mountaineer football team to the Coast and permission for the trip was granted by the faculty only when it was agreed that only one day of school would be missed on the journey, virtually the whole period falling in the holidays.

The Oregon opponent is the team formerly coached by Hugo Eckst and has a wonderful record on the Coast.

Coach Spear, Manager Board Assistant Coach Rodgers, Trainer Cartmell and Director Stansbury will complete a party of twenty-five to make the trip.

Cobb Wants Three More Hits Now for His 1921 Record

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 8.—Ty Cobb in a statement to-day of the "disputed hit" in a game at New York last May, which has just been awarded him by President Ban Johnson of the American League, declared that "the several baseball writers who have so interested themselves in the 'disputed hit' also should turn their attention to what happened on my last trip to New York in the 1921 season."

"Let them tell me and the public why it was three safe hits were taken from me during that series and two times at bat added," he said, "I would also like an explanation as to why the official score in the 'disputed hit' game of last May was not authenticated," he continued.

Cobb declared this is the first time he has had anything to say regarding the scoring at New York during the last series with Detroit in 1921. "I have tried to let it pass by," he stated, "but since they are raising such a commotion in New York over the disputed hit, let them investigate this matter also."

"Of course the public understands that I had nothing to do with President Johnson awarding me the hit in question," he concluded, "but since the aforementioned baseball writers are reported to have threatened to protest this action, I would like for the scoring of that last series at New York in 1921 to be cleared up."

Princeton Swim Team Starts Season To-day

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 8.—The Princeton swimming team will open its season in Brook Park to-morrow in a match with Lehigh, the champions of the Eastern Collegiate Swimming Association. To-morrow's match will be the first of a hard schedule, including meets with all of the principal colleges in the East.

The tiger swimming team will include: Ralston, Buterworth, Pole, Bray, Trowbridge, Draper, Montgomery, Hayes, Powers, Haelton, Fifty-yard swim—Powers, Buterworth, Trowbridge. Fifty-yard backstroke—Draper, Phillips. 220-yard swim—Haelton, Hayes, Plunge—Haelton, Hawley. Fifty-yard breaststroke—Herdin, Goodrich, Rising, Wiegman. 100-yard swim—Powers, Montgomery.

Columbia Quintet Faces Rutgers Team To-night

Columbia's basketball team will face its first real test of the season when Rutgers will be taken on to-night in the Blue and White gym. The Morning-side quintet is anxious to stone for the 25 to 20 setback suffered at the hands of the Scarlet at New Brunswick a year ago, but the chances of winning look slim.

The visiting outfit boasts of Captain Eddie Benson, one of the outstanding forwards in the East last season, who tallied twenty-four of his team's points against the locals.

Columbia will probably face Rutgers with a line-up differing from that used against St. John's and Brooklyn. The two players, Captain Bob Pullen, who did not start before, due to his playing football, will be found at guard, in place of Jimmy Mullen, regular forward last year, who was switched to guard position.

W. & J. Eleven Offered Game With the Army

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 8.—It became known here to-day that the Army had offered Washington and Jefferson a game on the Academy schedule at West Point next fall.

It is known that Washington and Jefferson is negotiating for another game at the Polo Grounds in midseason, probably with Lafayette, and with a trip to Detroit and perhaps one other of some length.

San Francisco Buys Hendryx

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Tim Hendryx, outfielder for the St. Paul club of the American Association, has been purchased by the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast League, according to word received here from George A. Putnam, secretary of the San Francisco club, who is in Louisville, Ky., attending the minor league convention.

Coward and Fink Advance to Final in Squash Tournament

National Champion Triumphs Over Mixsell, of Princeton Club, While Fink Defeats Bull, His Crescent A. C. Teammate; Final on Monday

It will be Thomas R. Coward, national champion, vs. R. Earl Fink, of the Crescent A. C., when the final round is played in the National Squash Tennis Association's fall scratch tournament at the Yale Club on Monday. Each came through to the cup match yesterday more or less comfortably, taking three games out of four from the rival semi-finalists.

Coward triumphed over Harold R. Mixsell, of the Princeton Club, 10-15, 18-15, 15-10, 15-4, while Fink defeated a fellow member of the Crescent Athletic Club, Charles M. Bull Jr., by a score of 15-10, 18-14, 17-15, 15-12.

It was a strange coincidence that in both semi-finals the losers were handicapped by injuries sustained during the progress of play. Mixsell, who had a bad cold, was well out of his reach, turned his ankle badly in the third game of his match with Coward, after he had practically held his own with the national champion. He limped noticeably after that and could not catch up with strokes that ordinarily he would have had no difficulty in returning. He was unable to do justice to himself in the last game.

Bull is Also Injured
Bull in his tussle with Fink was struck severely in the right eye by a ball that rebounded with great speed off the front wall early in the third game. He had moved to the forward court, anticipating a return that he could volley for placement, but the spike came back like a shot before he could note the angle of its flight.

Fink, when play was resumed, ran into a long lead of 13-3 after that, but Bull came back with an astonishing rally, and by an exhibition of furious hitting and outmaneuvering Fink outstayed and outmaneuvered Bull during the greater part of the match. He had a puzzling change of pace and covered court with a fine show of speed. Bull played well, but could not match Fink's versatility and control.

Mixsell Threatens Coward
Before he turned his ankle, Mixsell, with his tremendous hitting, threatened Coward seriously. He took the first game by a comfortable margin and led, 6-1, in the second before the champion found himself. Coward won the game after a stubborn fight, 15-16, but Mixsell was coming strong again in the third game when he sustained his injury.

The summary:
National Squash Tennis Association fall scratch tournament (semi-final rounds): Thomas R. Coward, Princeton Club, 10-15, 18-15, 15-10, 15-4; R. Earl Fink, Crescent A. C., 15-10, 18-14, 17-15, 15-12.

The standing of the teams at the present time is as follows:
High school Won. Lost. Points
Stuyvesant 4 1 14
Erasmus Hall 2 1 16
Towamint 1 1 14
Brooklyn 1 1 12
Mansfield 1 1 12
De Witt 1 1 12
High School of Commerce 2 0 8
Morris 2 0 8
Boys' High 2 0 8

Schoolboy Weekly Swimming Meet at Uptown Pool To-day

The Public Schools Athletic League of the Department of Education announces that the ninth series of the high schools' dual swimming series will be conducted at the Columbia University pool this afternoon, starting promptly at 4 o'clock.

Erasmus Hall High School, of Brooklyn, and Townsend Harris Hall High School, of Manhattan, who are tied for second place with twelve points each, will be the first to meet. The winner of this meet will be tied with the representatives of Stuyvesant High School for first place.

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